



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FLOOD DISASTER FOR NORTH DAKOTA

April 20, 2004

WHEREAS, the northeastern counties of North Dakota and the Spirit Lake Nation were experiencing winter-like conditions with frozen ground, frost cover and snow pack when a flash flood watch was issued for the weekend of March 26-28; and

WHEREAS, the area received an abnormal amount of rainfall, two to five times above normal monthly levels, and

WHEREAS, rainfall accumulations, combined with the winter-like conditions, created a disproportionately high runoff, which caused instant overland flooding; and

WHEREAS, abnormally high runoff in a snow-compacted Devils Lake Basin will result in record level flooding; and

WHEREAS, agriculture, recreation, public and private losses, as well as expenditures for repairs, have created economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, preliminary damage assessment (PDA) reports from state, tribal, local and federal officials, and costs for prevention and response measures received by state emergency management officials, identified severe impact to public infrastructure and local economies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim a flood disaster for the state of North Dakota to include the counties of Benson, Cavalier, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Steele, Traill and Walsh, as well as the Spirit Lake Nation. Pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985, as amended (Chapter 37.17.1, North Dakota Century Code), this proclamation, and the executive orders or regulations that may be issued to implement this proclamation to mitigate those losses resulting shall have the force and effect of law.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State